SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

In the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 19 of the specification:

The crude ester formed by transesterification of a vegetable or animal fat or oil or a Yellow Grease with methanol is initially present in a mixture with the split-off glycerin. This mixture contains as impurities, un-reacted methanol, soaps, free glycerin, mono and diglycerides, residual alkaline catalyst (for example sodium methylate) as well as phosphatide residues (mucilages) and organic and inorganic iron compounds from the fat or oil employed. In the ~~Settler 2~~ Settler 1, the heavy phase containing the glycerin and residual catalyst is separated and fed back into transesterification reactor 1 employed for the transesterification.

In the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 1 of the specification:

The crude ester phase is on the other hand fed to an intensive mixing apparatus (Ultra-Turrax Inline Mixer) for splitting of the soaps with a strong acid or with a mixture of a strong acid and a complex former such as for example citric acid or EDTA. With an energy input of 0.002 kW/kg of crude ester, a fine emulsion is produced at about 50°C in the special mixing chamber of the Inline Mixer from the ester and from the acid phase, which is fed to ~~Settler 3~~ Settler 2.